

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to unlawful activities under the
 3 Uniform Commercial Code-Sales; creating s. 672.617,
 4 F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting a person from
 5 causing a breach or violation of a lawful contract or
 6 intentionally and unjustly interfering with or
 7 disrupting a business relationship; authorizing an
 8 injured person to bring a civil cause of action;
 9 authorizing injunctive relief and specified damages;
 10 prohibiting the enforcement of certain contracts;
 11 providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Section 672.617, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 672.617 Unlawful activities; cause of action; damages.-

18 (1) As used in this section, the term:

19 (a) "Business relationship" has the same meaning as in s.
 20 825.101.

21 (b) "Person" has the same meaning as in s. 61.503.

22 (2) It is unlawful for any person, by inducement,
 23 persuasion, misrepresentation, intimidation, or other means, to:

24 (a) Cause the breach or violation of, or the refusal or
 25 failure to perform, a lawful contract by any party thereto; or

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26 (b) Intentionally and unjustly interfere with or disrupt a
27 business relationship.

28 (3) Any person injured as a result of a violation of this
29 section may bring a civil cause of action for treble damages,
30 injunctive relief, or any other appropriate relief in law. The
31 court may issue a temporary or permanent injunction to prevent a
32 violation of this section. The issuance of an injunction does
33 not affect the availability of damages under this section. The
34 court shall award a prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney
35 fees and costs.

36 (4) A civil cause of action may not be brought under this
37 section for the enforcement of a contract under s. 542.335.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.